

**WASHINGTON STATE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF DENTURISTS
MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, February 16, 2007 - 9:00 a.m.

Department of Health, Point Plaza East, 310 Israel Road S.E., Room 202
Tumwater, WA 98501

On February 16, 2007, the Board of Denturists met at the Department of Health, Point Plaza East, 310 Israel Rd. S.E., Room 202, Tumwater, WA. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Fettig, Vice-Chair
Robert Ford
Eric Hansen, Chair
James Henderson, Public Member
Bernie Kopfer, DDS
Dorothy H. Mann, Ph.D, MPH, Public
Member
Samuel Whisenant

STAFF PRESENT

Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Joy King, Executive Director
Sandie Pearson, Program Support
Richard McCartan, Assistant Attorney
General (AAG)

GUESTS PRESENT

Laura Farris, Senior Health Law judge

OPEN SESSION – Friday February 16, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vicki Brown, Program Manager.

1.1. Election of Officers for 2007

Eric Hansen was nominated and unanimously elected Chair. Robert Fettig was nominated and unanimously elected Vice Chair.

1.2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as amended. Added were Item 10.5 House Bill 1667 Licensing Fees and Item 12 Letter from Arizona on Regional Denturist Examination.

1.3. Approval of the September 8, 2006 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as amended. Item 4 Intern/Externship Survey was amended to read: Ms. Brown presented a draft survey proposing internship and externship requirements. There was discussion regarding the draft survey. The Board suggested that it should be sent to the Washington Denturist Association (WDA) Board of Directors. Upon further discussion, it was determined that the Board did not have the authority and it was not their job to prepare and submit a survey to the WDA for their possible use.

1.4. Introduction of New Board Members

The two new board members, Samuel Whisenant and Dorothy Mann, Ph.D, MPH were introduced to the Board.

2. PRESENTATIONS FROM LAURA FARRIS, SENIOR HEALTH LAW JUDGE

2.1 The Role of the Judges

Ms. Farris explained who the Health Law Judges are and the role they play before, during, and after a disciplinary hearing.

2.2 The Role of the Board/Commission Member on a Hearing Panel

Ms. Farris explained the steps of the disciplinary hearing and the role of the Board/Commission member at a hearing. Ms. Farris provided helpful tips to enhance the hearing experience.

3. 2007 MEETING AND EXAMINATION DATES

Ms Brown provided the Board with proposed meeting and examination dates for 2007 and 2008. The Board accepted the proposed dates with the decision that if there are less than 5 candidates for a practical examination, it will be cancelled. The 2007 and 2008 dates are as follows:

2007 Meeting and Examination Dates

- a. March 30 and March 31 - tentative board meeting and written/practical examination
- b. June 8 - tentative board meeting - Tumwater
- c. June 29 - written examination - Tumwater
- d. July 13 - board meeting in Yakima
- e. August 24 – board meeting – Tumwater
- f. September 14 – written examination - Tumwater
- g. November 16 - 18, 2007 - board meeting and written/practical examination – Tumwater and Steilacoom

2008 Meeting and Examination Dates (proposed)

- a. January 25 - board meeting – Tumwater
- b. February 22 – written examination - Tumwater
- c. April 18 - board meeting

4. DRAFT LICENSING AND STATISTICS FORM

Ms. Brown presented a draft version of a statistical form detailing the number of Denturists licensed, complaints, nature of complaint, discipline actions taken and number of cases closed on a monthly basis. Members agreed the form was easy to read and requested staff to continue to use this format.

5. REVIEW OF INFECTION CONTROL RULES

The Board discussed WAC 246-812-501 Purpose, WAC 246-812-510 Definitions, and WAC 246-812-520 Use of barriers and sterilization techniques. The board directed staff prepare and submit a CR-101 to start the rules process to amend WAC 246-812-520.

6. POLICIES

The Board reviewed and discussed with Richard McCartan, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), the Examination Appeals Process policy and the Recognition of Denturist Educational Programs policy. The Board agreed to revisit the procedure for clinical examinations and directed staff to modify the policy and bring the revisions to the next meeting.

The board also requested staff to provide all members with a copy of the Open Public Meetings Act.

7. APPLICATIONS FOR RE-APPROVAL OF DENTURE TECHNOLOGY SCHOOLS/PROGRAMS

7.1 Vancouver Community College, Vancouver, British Columbia

Vancouver Community College (VCC) submitted a request for possible Board approval of their program that was in place from 1989 to 1999. At the September 8, 2006 meeting, the Board had approved the Vancouver Community College program retroactive to 2000. After consideration and discussion, a motion was made by James Henderson to deny the denture technology program at VCC for the years 1989 to 1999. The motion passed as presented with one member abstaining.

7.2 The City College – George Brown

It was decided that Robert Fettig, Samuel Whisenant and Eric Hansen will review the application for possible re-approval of the denture technology program at George Brown. They will present their recommendation at the July 13, 2007 board meeting.

7.3 North Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT)

It was decided that Robert Fettig, Samuel Whisenant and Eric Hansen will review the application for possible re-approval of the denture technology program at NAIT. They will present their recommendation at the July 13, 2007 board meeting.

7.4 Bates Technical College

It was decided that Robert Fettig, Samuel Whisenant and Eric Hansen will review the application for possible re-approval of the denture technology program at Bates. They will present their recommendation at the July 13, 2007 board meeting.

8. INFORMAL EXAMINATION APPEALS

The Board reviewed one informal review from the November 2006 clinical examination. The score remained the same.

9. GMAP

Ms. King provided the Board with the latest GMAP presentation that had been given to the Governor.

The Board requested staff to provide a report for the dates of January 2006 to December 2006 detailing the number of complaints received that involved standard of care, billing, patient care issues, etc. The report will be presented at the next meeting.

10. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT

10.1 Budget and Graphs

Ms. Brown presented the Board with handouts detailing the budget from July 1, 2005 through December 2006.

10.2 Consolidation of Reference Books

The Board was presented with a list of the reference books that are the sources used for obtaining the questions for the written exam. After consideration, the

Board requested staff to bring to the next meeting those books that are a source for only one exam question.

10.3 Rebating – Wright v. Jeckle

The Board was presented information on Wright v. Jeckle. Ms. King explained the issue was around rebating and the documentation is the decision of the Supreme Court.

10.4 2006 Examination Statistics

The Board was presented 2006 candidate examination statistics for their information and review.

10.5 2007 Legislation

The Board was provided information from Ms. King regarding House Bill 1667 (three tier licensing), that has been introduced to the legislature.

10.6 Follow-up from previous Board Meetings

There was no business to follow-up with from previous board meetings.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Bernie Kopfer, DDS asked if the Board would be interested in inviting John Davis, DDS to the next meeting to speak on issues Medicaid. The Board requested staff to contact Dr. Davis and invite him to the next meeting.

- Issues regarding Medicaid
- Practical examination scoring
- List of written examination reference books
- Examination Appeals Process policy
- Recognition of Denturist Educational Programs policy
- Dental Hygiene contract with the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) to be discussed in conjunction with information from the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners

12. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a request from the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners asking if they would be interested in joining together to develop a regional examination for Denturism. After discussion the Board requested staff to contact Arizona to obtain additional information. Staff was also requested to bring a copy the

contract between the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (DHEC) and Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) to the next meeting for their review.

CLOSED SESSION – 2:15 pm to 2:20 pm

13. CLINICAL EXAMINATION EVALUATION CRITERIA FROM GEORGE BROWN

This item was deferred to the beginning of the next meeting when more time can be allotted for discussion.

OPEN SESSION – 2:20 pm

14. ADJORNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Vicki Brown, Program Manager

Eric Hansen, Chair